KETTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1969

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I submit herewith my Annual Roport for the year 1969. The report is presented in the form required by the Ministry of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	17,735
Population estimated mid-1969	3,960
Number of inhabited houses	1,323
Rateable Value	£186,394
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£760

VITAL STATISTICS

		Male	Female	Total
Live births -	legitimate	25	21	46
-	illegitimate	2	2	4
Still births -	legitimate	1	-	1
	illegitimate	-	-	-

	District		England & Wales
	Crude	Corrected	1969
Live Birth Rate	12.6	12.6	16.3
Death Rate	10.6	12.9.	11.9
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	60.0		18.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - stomach	1	1
Malignant neoplasm - intestine	1	-
Malignant neoplasm - lung, bronchus	2	-
Malignant neoplasm - breast	-	1
Malignant neoplasm - prostate	1	-
Leukaemia	1	-
Other Malignant neoplasms	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-
Other diseases of Nervous System	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	6	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	3	3
Other diseases of Circulatory System	1	1
Pneumonia	-	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	1
Asthma	1	-
Other diseases of Digestive System	-	1
Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	2	-
Symptoms and Ill defined Conditions	-	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-
All other Accidents	-	2
	24	18

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Age distribution of Notified Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1969

Disease	Under 1	1/2	2/3	3/4	4/5	5/9	10/14	15/24	25/34	35/44	45/64	65& over
Measles	-	3	3	3	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	2	5	2	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

One case of pulmonary tuberculosis was notified during 1969.

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TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS

Housing	125
Meat and Foods	22
Factories	24
Offices and Shops	20
Refuse Collection & Disposal	191
Sewage Disposal	515
Building	347
Rodent Control	146
Miscellaneous	380
Total	1770

NOTICES SERVED

	Issued	Complied With
Informal	23	23
Statutory	4	4

MEAT AND FOODS

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the District, the requirements of the two local butchers are met chiefly from wholesale meat suppliers.

It was not necessary to condemn any foodstuff in the District during the year.

Preserved Food, etc., Food and Drugs Act

There are no changes in the Register to report. One additional premises was registered for the sale of pre-packed ice cream during the year.

Milk and Dairies

There are no changes in the Register to report.

FACTORIES

There are no changes in the Register to report.

It has not been necessary to issue any Notices.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

There was no incidence of food poisoning.

Action had to be taken to disinfest one verminous premises at Pickworth during the year.

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NEW BUILDINGS

100 plans were deposited of which 81 were approved, 1 disapproved and 18 exempt from Building Regulations.

The approved plans included those for 16 private dwellings comprising 14 at Ketton and 2 at Ryhall.

16 Private dwellings were completed during the year comprising 11 at Ketton, 4 at Ryhall and 1 at Clipsham.

The Old Peoples Home at Ketton was also completed during the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This service has continued to operate very smoothly during the year and this is reflected in the very few complaints received.

For this happy state of affairs, praise is due to the collectors, who have worked together as a team for the past nine years. The hiring of standard dustbins continued to be a popular service and in itself contributes to the efficiency of the collection.

Bulky items of household refuse are removed by prior arrangement with me.

Meanwhile the Council's refuse tip at Pickworth Road, Great Casterton was practically filled at the end of the year and as I stated in the last Annual Report, there now seems very little chance of being able to obtain any other site in the Council's District for tipping purposes.

It is therefore obvious to me that the method of refuse disposal as operated by Local Councils in the past must be replaced during the 1970s by the alternative methods of incineration, pulverisation or composting. At the same time it seems likely that the distance to the remaining tipping sites will increase and that further use must be made of refuse transfer and bulk transport systems.

In my view, it is essential that neighbouring Councils get together in joint schemes of refuse disposal in order to share the increased costs of such schemes and to derive the full benefit from them.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Good progress continued to be made on the Essendine and Ryhall Scheme and by the end of the year the main units on the works were nearing completion.

The disposal of sludge from the Ryhall works presented many difficulties particularly in the early part of the year, because of the wet weather and the progress of the contractors. All sludge from the works had to be carried away in liquid form and the attendants concerned are to be congratulated on the way in which they carried out their obnoxious task.

Thanks are also due to several local farmers who have allowed me the use of trailers and afforded facilities for the disposal of the sludge from the works at Ryhall, Ketton and Great Casterton.

A further 3 premises were connected to the sewer at Ketton, 2 at Great Casterton and 5 at Tinwell.

Throughout the District a total of 6 pail closets were abolished and replaced by water closets.

Approximately 40 pails are still emptied weekly but this figure should be drastically reduced upon completion of the Essendine sewerage scheme.

RAG FLOCK ACT

There are no registrations in force in the District.

PET ANIMALS ACT

There are no licensed premises in the District.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963

There are now no registered establishments in the District.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water for the Parishes of Clipsham, Essendine, Great and Little Casterton, Ryhall and Tinwell is supplied by the South Lincolnshire Water Board whilst the Nene and Ouse Water Board supplies Tixover and Ketton. There is a private supply for the Parish of Pickworth.

I have received from the Water Boards the results of 67 water samples taken during the year for bacteriological examination; of these 55 were satisfactory and 12 unsatisfactory. The heavy rainfall caused bacteriological pollution at the sources in the early part of the year but steps were taken to increase the level of chlorination.

RODENT CONTROL

The system wereby rodent control work in the District is carried out by means of a contract with a private Pest Control Company continued to operate satisfactorily. The contract provides for the regular supervision of all the Council's undertakings, and the treatment of private dwellings following the receipt of complaints.

In order to encourage people to report the presence of rate, the Council provides a free service for rodent disinfestation at private dwelling houses. Business premises are treated on a rechargeable basis.

Arrangements can be made for dealing with other pests, such as wasps, cockroaches, moles etc., but this is only carried out on a rechargeable basis.

75 premises were treated for rats and 2 for mice and of this number 52 were dwelling houses.

During the year, several meetings were held with the other Rutland Authorities, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and representatives of the National Farmers Union to organise and direct a rodent control campaign throughout the county.

A full scale rat baiting campaign was underway at the end of the year and early results proved encouraging.

HOUSING INSPECTION

Very good progress was made on the construction of the flatlets in High Street, Ketton and by the end of the year 8 of the flats were completed.

5 houses were dealt with in the slum clearance programme.

The Housing Act 1969 came into effect on 25th August, 1969. It set out a fresh and self contained code for the grant-aided improvement and conversion of houses. The normal maximum level of discretionary grant being raised from £400 to £1000 and the ceiling for the standard improvement grant to £200. There were indications by the end of the year that this Act had given new impetus to the improvement of houses in the District.

During the year 2 houses were brought up to Discretionary Grant standard and 2 to the Standard Grant requirements.

12 applications for grants resulted in the award of 9 Discretionary Grants and 3 enhanced Standard Grants.

Work was completed on the installation of bathrooms at the 8 Council Houses at Tinwell and plans for the improvement to the 6 Council Houses at Essendine were approved.

No. of visits	125
No. of houses inspected	62
No. of houses found unfit for habitation	5
No. of houses not in all respects fit	31

Remedy of Defects

No. of houses made fit as a result of informal action.	24
No. of houses closed as a result of Closing Orders.	4
No. of unfit houses closed by accepting undertakings from owners.	4
No. of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	-
No. of cases of overcrowding discovered.	-
No. of houses made fit by accepting a programme of works.	1
No. of houses where part of a house closed by Closing Order.	-

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No additional sites have been licensed during the year.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

Statistical information is given on a separate sheet.

A. R. BURT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
AND SURVEYOR

FACTORIES ACT, 1961, PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	8		
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	14	16		
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-		
TOTAL	19	24		

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
		Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
			Referred		
Want of Cleanliness					
Overcrowding					
Temperature					
Inadequate Ventilation					
Ineffective drainage of floors					
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient					
(b) Unsuitable or defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes.					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)					
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-

NIL

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Outwork (Sections 133 and 134) ..... NIL

TABLE A

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises (1)	Number of premises newly registered during the year (2)	Total number of registered premises at end of year (3)	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year (4)
Offices	-	3	3
Retail shops	1	5	5
Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	10	10

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises 20

TABLE C

ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR

Class of workplace (1)	Number of persons employed (2)
Offices	4
Retail shops	6
Wholesale departments, warehouses	-
Catering establishments open to the public	10
Canteens	4
Fuel storage depots	-
TOTAL	24
Total Males	7
Total Females	17